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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1895.

The Lunenburg Murder Matter.

The people of Lunenburg have appointed a committee to make a statement of the facts connected with the Pollard murder and the trial of the murderers, with the view of disabusing the public mind of erroneous impressions in relation thereto. This, we think, is a very proper course to pursue, and if the work of drafting the statement be assigned to discreet men the result will no doubt be beneficial to the county, and if so will be received with pleasure by the entire Virginia public.

Certainly the Dispatch has not knowingly done our Lunenburg friends any injustice, and we have refused to admit to our columns sensational rumors. But wherein, if anywhere, we or our correspondents have erred we are willing to be corrected, whenever the error is pointed out to us in a proper manner.

The Dispatch has more than once said that the theory of the Commonwealth as to the murder and murderers is the only theory justified by the evidence so far produced. We have also expressed the opinion that the Judge and jury must have had evidence corroborative of Solomon Marable's, else they would not have convicted the three women. And, by the way, the Lunenburg committee could not possibly serve their people better than by writing out for publication a connected statement of the corroborative evidence produced on the trials in the case of each of the women. This would enable the reading public to judge of the justice of the convictions in question.

As to the charge that some member or members of the battalion of the First Regiment that was on duty at Lunenburg Courthouse induced Solomon Marable to tell "the white-man story," it seems to us incredible. However, we suppose the Lunenburg committee will lay before the public its information on this subject. Then the gentlemen concerned will know how to answer the charge, or the Governor, in his discretion, may order a court of inquiry or court-martial. In view of the fact that the Lunenburg meeting authorized its committee to lay the facts ascertained by it before the Governor, we suppose it had in mind the possibility that gubernatorial action might be necessary.

The question as to whether there was any danger of lynching the murderers—any need of military to prevent lynch law—must be settled between the county Judge and Sheriff on the one hand and the committee on the other.

We understand from the published proceedings of the Lunenburg meeting and from letters that we have received from that county that the Lunenburg committee will contend that their people were always willing that the law should take its course with respect to the prisoners. This being so, we conclude that they do not view the efforts now being made to secure appeals with any disfavor, except in so far as these efforts are stimulated by or based upon misrepresentation of the Judge and jury, or people of the county.

One thing more: The impression that the women were convicted upon insufficient evidence (Solomon Marable being conceded to be the liar of liars) was upon the public mind before the Lunenburg military returned from Lunenburg. It was the effect produced by the reports of the trial sent the Richmond papers—reports made by local correspondents, gentlemen who are next-door neighbors, or Lunenburg friends. Now, mind you, we do not mean to intimate that these correspondents expressed any doubts as to the propriety of the convictions. Oh, no. Far from it—quite the contrary—but owing to the necessity for haste and brevity in preparing their dispatches they did not connect the links in the chain of evidence so as to convince the public that there was evidence to corroborate the testimony of Solomon as to the guilt of the three women. And so it was that before the return here of the Richmond military doctors had been expressed as to whether Solomon's testimony was sufficiently supported to justify the conviction of the women.

Gas-Works Investigation.

The Committee on Light have done the right thing in recommending to the City Council that a special committee be appointed to continue the investigation of gas-works affairs.

After the disagreeable disclosures that have been made as to the management of those works, the public will not be satisfied until the affairs of that department have been thoroughly examined into and reported upon. If any course is adopted which by the most malevolent may be construed into a "hush policy" the Democratic party of Richmond will be called to account therefor at the polls.

The Dispatch has always said that it was not necessary for the people of this city to go outside of our party to effect reforms and secure good, honest government. That is our belief. It follows, therefore, that we should think that our party should fulfill every obligation that rests upon it.

Enough is known of the last administration of the gas-works to justify the opinion, which widely prevails, that through dishonesty or negligence, or perhaps a great loss and grievous scandal. But little faith can now be put in the annual reports of the gas-works made for several years past; it is almost certain, for one thing, that the cost of manufacturing gas has been underestimated. And, while we know that the city has lost as much as \$25,000, we do not know that this is all that it has lost.

So let there be a full and fearless investigation. Let there also be a public investigation. Any attempt at secrecy will be futile, will be misunderstood, and will recoil upon the party.

Yes; we insist that it is the duty of the Democratic members of the City Council to go to the bottom of gas-works affairs. The people want to know the truth, and the whole truth. They also wish to see justice done. Where crime has been committed that fact should be plainly pointed out. Where the city has suffered through incompetence or negligence, that offender should not escape.

In short, the people expect that a thorough overhauling of gas-works affairs will be made, and without unnecessary delay, so that they may know what loss they have suffered; who are responsible therefor, and what legislation is necessary to prevent a recurrence of the evils in question.

The report of the Committee on Light should be adopted by the City Council, but with the explicit understanding that the investigation shall be conducted by the special committee in open session.

Mahone a Leader Again.

General William Mahone was at the head and front of the "Honest-Elections" Conference held in Petersburg yesterday and the day before, and his evident purpose is to organize a "non-partisan" party to beat the Democrats.

It appears that there is to be a fusion of Republicans and Populists to secure control of the Virginia Legislature, and to rule our State as the coalition of Republicans and Readjusters did in 1879 and 1881. "Honest elections" is to be their slogan. All this indicates that our politics are going to be lively this fall; but it is a cheering sign of the loyalty and devotion to our party that few or no Democrats attended the Petersburg conference, and that it was left to the Republicans and Populists to make up the assemblage which General Mahone (winking one eye, we imagine) spoke of as "non-partisan."

At this writing we are not fully informed as to the details of Mahone's plan for amending the election-laws of this State, but we feel free to say in advance that it is not possible for him to know the wishes of our people better than our Democratic leaders know them, and we may be sure that, however fair his schemes may appear on the surface, they are devised with the sole object of ousting our party from power. But we believe that Mahone will fail in this as he failed in drawing Democrats to the "honest in-jun" conference.

Our people may rely upon it that such amendments to our election laws as are needed will be made promptly by the Democratic members of the General Assembly. In no State of this Union, where the Australian ballot system has been adopted, has there been passed a law that did not require perfecting after it had been put to practical test. No wonder, then, we find imperfections in the Walton law. But these imperfections can be easily removed, and the proper thing for us to do is to entrust the revision of the law to the friends of the law.

The Dispatch recognizes General Mahone's shrewdness as a political leader, and we warn our friends that he will bear watching all during the coming legislative campaign. He has not cut much of a figure in our affairs since he ran against Phil McKinney for Governor, but, having taken a long rest, he now enters this fight fresh in wind, if not in limb. So let us prepare to meet him, and let's make it our duty to repeat next fall the victory that we won over him in the gubernatorial race, six years ago.

Miss M. G. McClelland, the novelist, died yesterday of consumption at her home, near Norwood, Nelson county. At the time she was stricken with the disease that carried her off Miss McClelland had received high recognition from the critics, and her future seemed full of promise. She was a diligent worker, wrote with great rapidity and ease, and her productions always commanded readily a publisher.

DICKENSON COUNTY.

A Probable Fatal Renting-Damaging School-Houses.

CLINTWOOD, VA., August 2.—(Special.) Your correspondent learns that John E. Beverly, of Beppo, this county, was seriously, if not fatally, beaten by one Tom Hawkins a day or two since. The particulars of the affair are about these: Hawkins met young Beverly at a burial, and accused him of standing by with an open knife in his hand, ready to cut him in a certain difficulty which he (Hawkins) had had with some one a few days before this time. Beverly told Hawkins that he had no knife, and that he wanted no trouble with him at that time and place, and turned to walk away, when Hawkins seized a rock and struck Beverly a violent blow behind the ear, felling him to the ground in an insensible condition. Not satisfied with this, Hawkins sprang upon his victim with all the fury of a tiger, and having on a big, heavy pair of stoga boots, with the heels filled with tacks, he kicked and stamped Beverly till he was apparently satisfied, leaving him covered with blood and in a pitiful condition. Beverly seemed to have no friends by, while his assailant was quite a number. Having at last accounts was still at large, but the authorities were making efforts to arrest him.

Miss Jane Browning, near this place, is very sick.

Mrs. Robert Stanley, of Beppo, died a day or two since, after a lingering illness. She was not more than 20 years old. She leaves a husband and two small children.

The school-houses and furniture of this section of the county are being badly abused by the unruly boys. The doors of the buildings have been broken down in several instances, and the furniture damaged. Many of the boys, who are addicted to the pernicious habit of gambling, enter the houses by night for the purpose of having a game at cards, while in other cases it is just downright mischief that prompts their "vandalism."

John P. Vanover, of Freeling, this county, is very feeble. He is about 84 years old, and has lived on his present homestead for forty years.

A party, consisting of Leon Isaacson, of the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company; Russell G. McFall, Commonwealth's Attorney; William E. Farmer, and several others, have started to "The Breaks" to fish and enjoy the romantic scenery of the place.

Voted the Subscription.

IRVINGTON, August 2.—(Special.)—It was stated in this correspondence recently that one (Northumberland) of the five counties of the Northern Neck refused to vote a subscription of \$50,000 to the capital stock of the Virginia, Fredericksburg and Western railroad. An official canvass of the vote declares in favor of subscription by a small margin.

A New Issue.

In the platform of the Maryland Prohibitionists, adopted last Thursday, is the following plank:

"We declare for the defence of American labor by the restriction of immigration to actual settlers, who are to become citizens, and by the exclusion of all pauper and criminal classes."

The Chicago papers hoot at the idea that the Chicago drainage canal will reduce the general water level in the lakes. They say that the canal will cause no perceptible change in the level, and state that as Lake Erie is 13 feet below Lake Michigan, it is "ridiculous" to suppose that the water of Lake Erie will flow up hill 13 feet through Lake Huron to get into Lake Michigan.

Niagara river is the outlet of Lake Erie. It discharges over Niagara Falls not less than 20,000,000 cubic feet of water a minute. When completed the Chicago canal will discharge 300,000 cubic feet a minute. There has been no diminution of the lake level from the outlet at Niagara, and the Chicago Chronicle says that it is not probable that there will be any diminution caused by the artificial outlet at Chicago.

"Even if Lake Erie were on a level with Lake Michigan, instead of 13 feet below, the Chicago canal, if it flowed for a century, would not lower the lake level at Buffalo as much as it is lowered in three hours by a 30-mile breeze from the east."

A practical Prohibitionist said in the State Convention of the Maryland Prohibitionists day before yesterday that he was getting tired of walking in the straight and narrow path that does not lead anywhere. That is, he wanted to unite with some other party.

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- White Marcellas Spreads, best \$1.25 kind, 7c, to-day.
- 60c Fine Damask Table-Linen, bordered or White, 20c, a yard.
- Heavy Large Towel-Absorbing Towels, 3c, each, 10c, kind.
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- LADIES' WHITE APRONS, embroidered, 25c, kind, 2c, each.
- GENTLEMEN'S COLORED BORDERED H. S. HANDKERCHIEFS, 2c, each.
- LADIES' FAST-BLACK ELASTIC HOSE, 3c, a pair.
- Ladies' Tan or Hairbrun Drop-Stitch, 15c, kind, 2c, a pair to-day.
- 25c Ladies' Hose for 15c, a pair to-day.
- 60-inch WHITE EMBROIDERY, for 15c, a yard.
- 50c REMNANTS of Embroidery for less than half cost.
- VEILINGS of all kinds and colors, lace and ribbons, 5c, a yard, 25c, kind.
- WHITE POINT D'ESPION NET, 5c, a yard.
- UMBRELLAS.
- Black Gloria Umbrellas, natural or fancy handles, 25c, kind, 4c, to-day.
- Black Gloria Umbrellas, olive crook handles, steel frames, 75c, kind, 4c, to-day.
- Ladies' Twisted Silk Umbrellas, Dresden, crystal, or natural handles, also gentlemen's, 28-inch, Prince of Wales handles, 50c, \$1.50, \$2, and \$3 kind.

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- Men's Soft Necktie Shirts, non-shrinkable neck bands, 44c.
- Men's 25c 4-inch Silk Ties, 5c, each.
- Men's Fast-Black 25c. Sox, 12-14c, to-day.
- GLOVES.
- BLACK AND COLORED SILK MITTS, ALWAYS 25c, 5c, A PAIR TO-DAY.
- Fine Black All-Silk Gloves, closely woven, 10c, 50c, kind, to-day.
- RIBBONS TO-DAY.
- No. 12 All-Silk Ribbons, all colors, 2c, a yard.
- White-Satin Ribbon, No. 7, best quality, 2c, a yard.
- Fancy Solid-Colored Ribbon, 1 inch wide, 2c, from 10c, to-day.
- JEWELRY FOR SATURDAY.
- Gold, Silver, and Enamelled Studs, 3c, a set.
- Belt-Pins, Silver or Black, 4c, each.
- Fancy Shell Hair-Pins, 4c, each.
- 50c COIN-PURSES, 5c, to-day.
- Silk Belts, with fine silver BUCKLES.
- BEST-QUALITY STEEL SCISSORS, 25c and 50c, kind, 10c.
- Ladies' Imperious Dress-Shirts, 25c, kind, 2c, to-day.
- 100-Yard-Spool Silk, for 1c, a spool.
- Ladies' Parchment Fans, polished bamboo handles, pretty designs, 5c, for 15c, kind.
- Black Mourning Fans, polished bamboo handles, 5c, 25c, kind, 1c, each.
- Stamped Dailies, pure linen, 1c, each.
- Ladies' Fancy Chemisettes, in Pink or Light-Blue, including cuffs, 5c, for 25c, kind to-day.
- LADIES' STIMULATED CORSETS, 75c, kind, any size, 35c.
- SUITS AND SKIRTS.
- \$1.25 Duck Suits, 75c, to-day.
- \$3.00 Duck Suits for \$2.00.
- \$3.50 Duck Suits for \$2.50.
- Duck Suits, \$1.35 and \$1.50, 75c.
- NOTES.
- DOMESTICS—Fine Zephyr Dress-Gluing, 15-20c, kind, 6-10c, to-day.
- 12-16c Dress Gingham, newest designs, 4c, a yard.
- Real French 44 Percales, 5c, a yard.
- NOTES.
- Wood-Back Nail-Brushes, 2c, to-day.
- 3 papers Good Steel Hair-Pins, for 1c.
- 3 papers English Pins, 2c, each.
- 8 and 10c Colored Banding, 2c, each.
- Corset-Steel, 10c, kind, 3c.
- Nickle Safety-Pins, 2c, a dozen.
- Geyser Soap, 12-14c, kind, 5c, a cake.
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